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- 1. FOLLOWING PORTION OF MEMCON OF SECRETARY'S CALL ON CHANCELLOR BRANDT IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 26 IS SENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
- 2. BRANDT RAISED POSSIBILITY OF THIRD DECLARATION WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE JAPAN: HE WAS INTERESTED IN AND SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA THAT JAPAN MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED NOT ONLY WITH ECO-NOMIC MATTERS BUT ALSO WITH WHAT USED TO BE CALLED PROBLEMS OF FREE WORLD. SECRETARY SAID HE HAD NOT THOUGHT THIS QUESTION THROUGH, ALTHOUGH HE FELT IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE JAPAN JOIN IN DECLARATION OF TYPE WE WERE WORKING OUT WITH EC. WHILE IT MAKES SOME SENSE FOR US TO RECOGNIZE EUROPEAN IDENTITY, IT WOULD NOT BE MEANINGFUL FOR JAPAN TO DO LIKEWISE. HE COULD IMAGINE THAT US MIGHT SIGN SOMETHING WITH JAPAN. THAT EC WOULD ALSO SIGN SOMETHING WITH JAPAN. AND THEN TWO COULD BE COMBINED INTO CHAPEAU DOCUMENT. JAPANESE ARE WORRIED ABOUT BEING EXCLUDED ALTOGETHER, AND SECRETARY HAD TOLD OHIRA THAT WE WOULD FAVOR ASSOCIATION OF SOME KIND WITH JAPANESE ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT YET HAVE PRECISE IDEAS AS TO FORM. KISSINGER

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